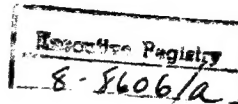


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Honorable Charles S. Thomas
Secretary of the Navy
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are happy to receive your invitation of 3 December 1956 to nominate an officer of the Central Intelligence Agency to attend the course in Naval Warfare at the Naval War College. We particularly appreciate your giving us again the option of enrolling our representative for either the First or Second Year, and shall proceed with the selection of an individual who is well qualified to contribute to the program as well as to benefit from it.

The name of our nominee will be forwarded to you and to the Naval War College early in 1957. He will be prepared to attend the familiarization program, and will report not later than 9 August 1957 for this purpose. His orders will be prepared as you request, and steps will be taken to obtain a "Q" clearance for him prior to arrival.

We very much appreciate this opportunity to continue our cordial relations with the Naval War College which have proved to be very valuable to us in recent years.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

C. P. Cabell
Lieutenant General, USAF
Acting Director

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L. K. WHITE
Deputy Director
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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

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3 December 1956

My dear Mr. Dulles:

It is my pleasure to again extend a cordial invitation to the Central Intelligence Agency to nominate one official with appropriate background and experience to attend the Naval Warfare course at the United States Naval War College.

STAT of your Agency is in attendance in the current Second Year Naval Warfare course, and is contributing in an outstanding manner to the success of the training program at the Naval War College.

The 1957-1958 session of the War College is scheduled to convene on 16 August 1957 and will conclude on 11 June 1958. The official you nominate for this assignment may attend either the First or Second Year of the Naval Warfare course, whichever is preferable. Naval officers of the grades of Commander and Captain with 15 to 20 years of commissioned service are assigned to the First Year; to the Second Year of the course are assigned Naval officers of the grade of Captain with 20 to 24 years commissioned service, or those officers with 15 to 20 years of commissioned service who have successfully completed other high level military education. It is desired that your nominee for the course be of comparable rank and service experience for whichever year of the course he will attend.

Although non-military students will be permitted in the Second year of the course in Naval Warfare, attention is invited to the fact that such students will not be permitted to attend a few specific curriculum items for which attendance is restricted to military personnel only.

The usual familiarization training program before the opening of the regular session for personnel of other military services will be conducted. This program, of one week duration, will consist of lectures, tours of naval installations, and short cruises on

Atlantic Fleet vessels including submarines. The Central Intelligence Agency official is invited to participate in the familiarization training and should report to the President of the Naval War College not later than 9 August 1957 for this purpose. His orders should specify which year of the course in Naval Warfare he is to attend. In addition, if the nominee does not already hold a "Q" clearance, it is requested that he be processed for such clearance prior to arrival at the Naval War College, and that he be provided with a statement indicating a "need to know" basis for receiving restricted data.

It will be appreciated if information can be received at an early date as to the utilization of the proffered billet.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles Thomas", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director of Central Intelligence
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE ACTING DIRECTOR

Attached is a proposed reply to Secretary of the Navy Thomas' invitation to nominate a candidate to attend the Naval War College for the period August 1957 to June 1958.

This is an interim reply pending selection of the Agency's candidate.

Recommend signature.

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L. K. WHITE
Deputy Director
(Support)

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